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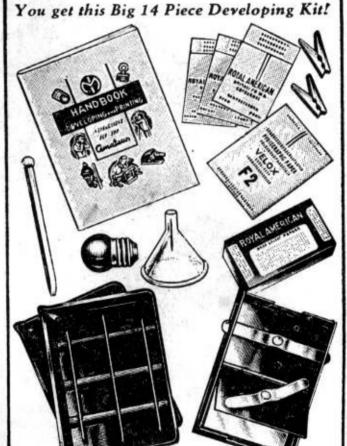
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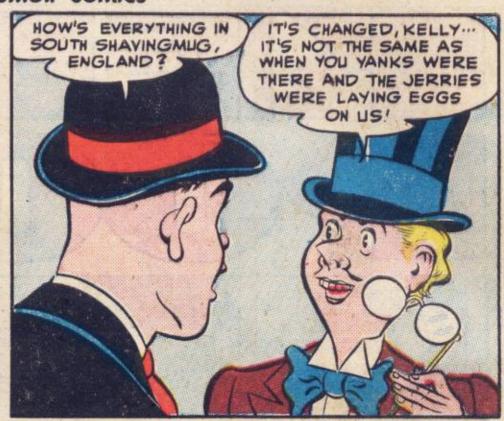
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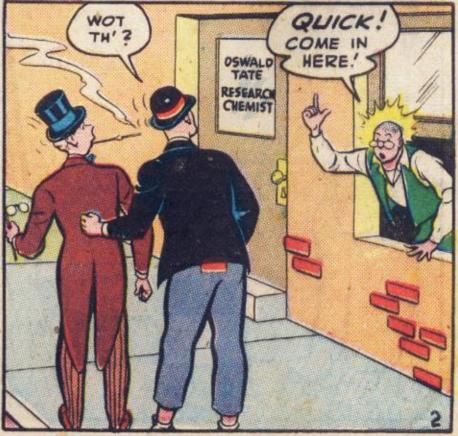


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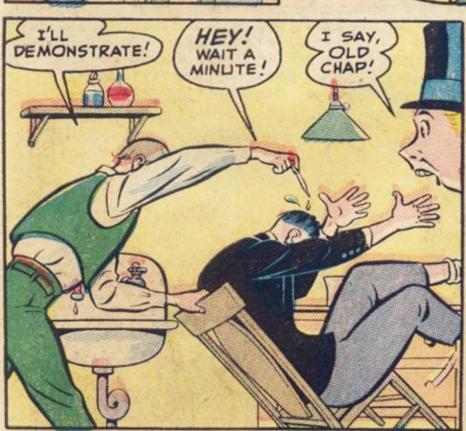














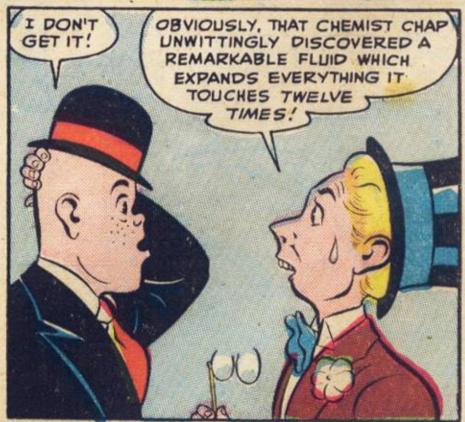














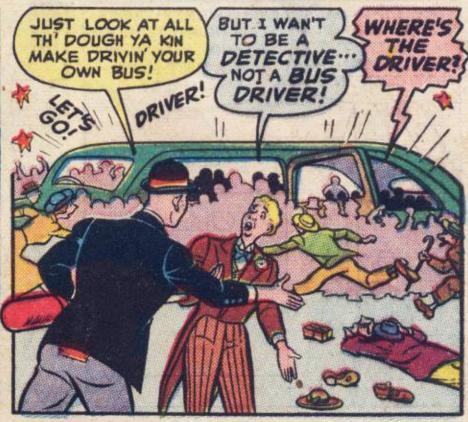
































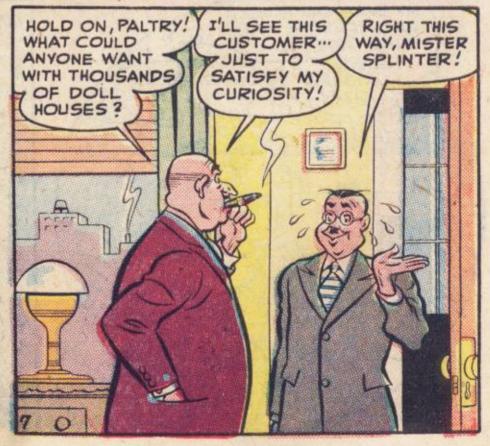
























































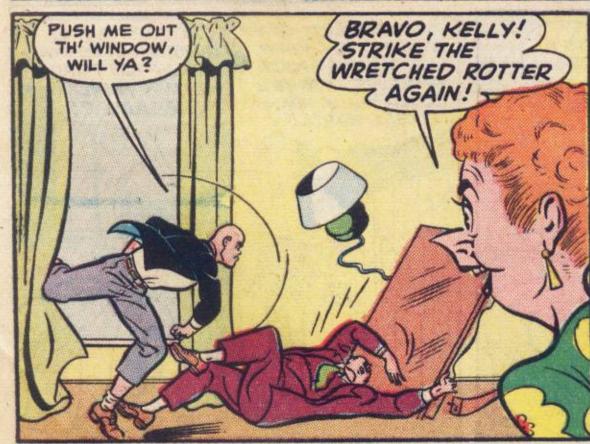




















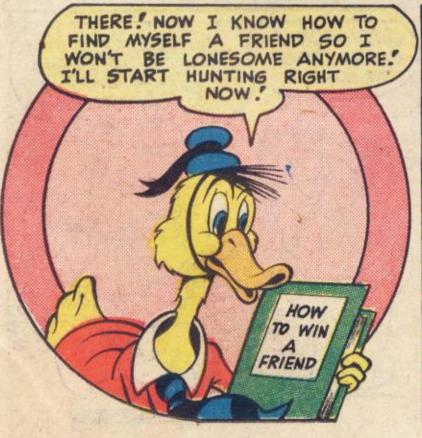










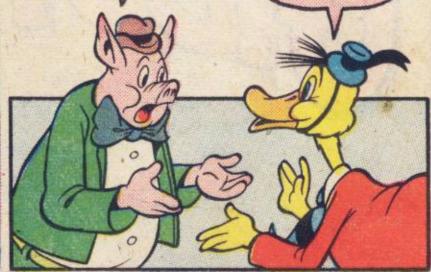






DID YOU SEE A
MAGNET ANYWHERE
AROUND HERE? I HAD
MY NEW SUPERSTRENGTH MAGNET
AND I MUST HAVE
DROPPED IT.

NOPE! ALL I
FOUND WAS A
LUCKY
HORSESHOE!
BUT HOW'D
YOU LIKE TO
BE MY NEW
FRIEND, HAH?



OH, DON'T PESTER

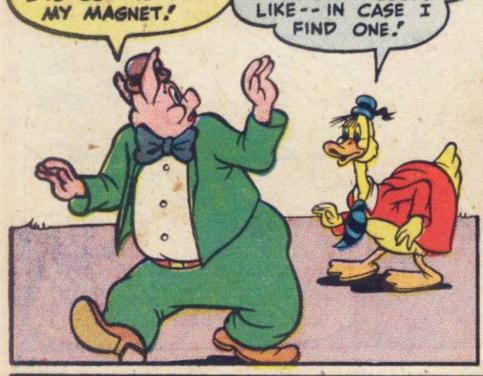
ME WITH NONSENSE! GEE! MAYBE I SHOULD

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LIKE -- IN CASE I

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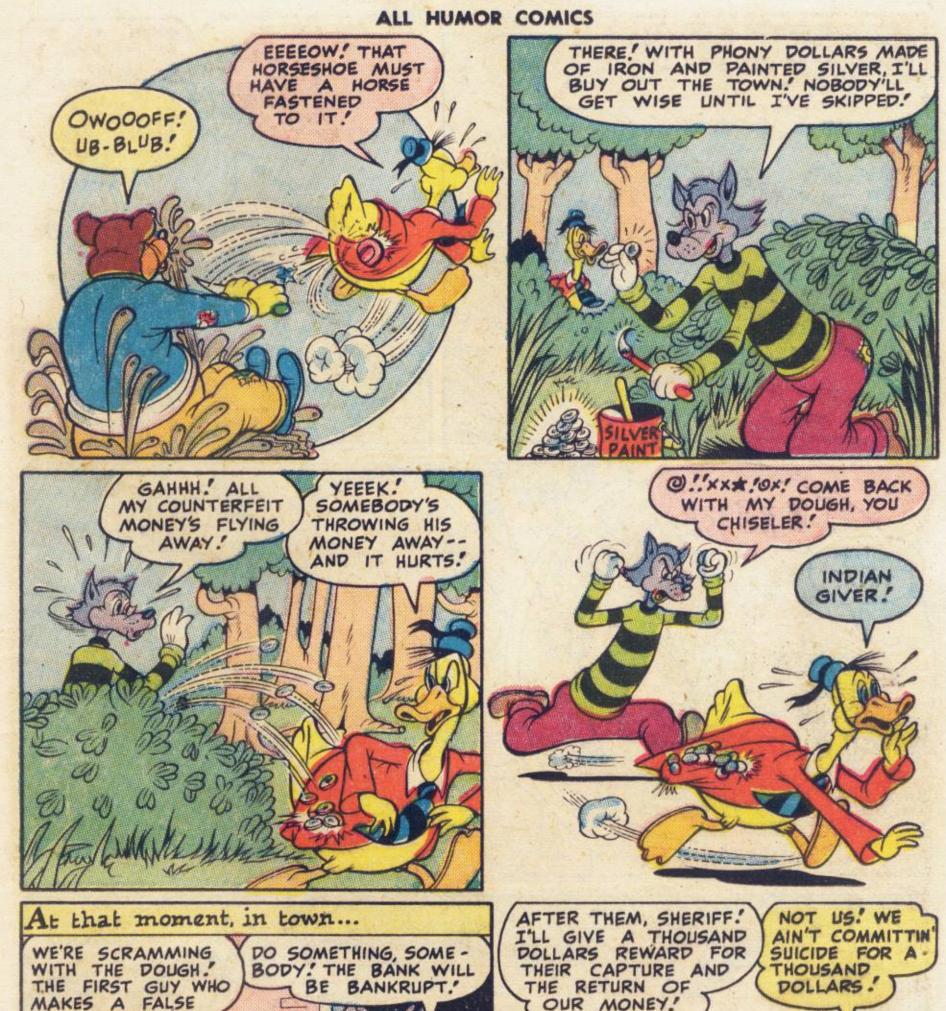




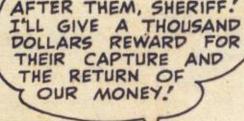
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HEY! SUMP'N PULLED YILL! I'VE BEEN REARED TO GRACE SOMEBODY'S TABLE!



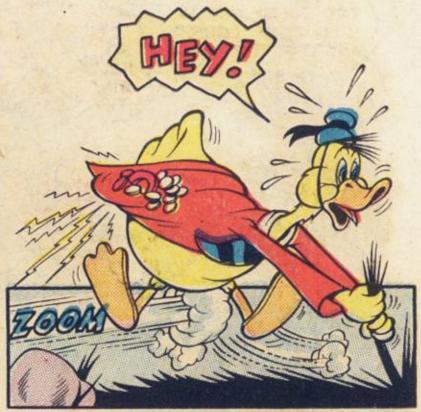




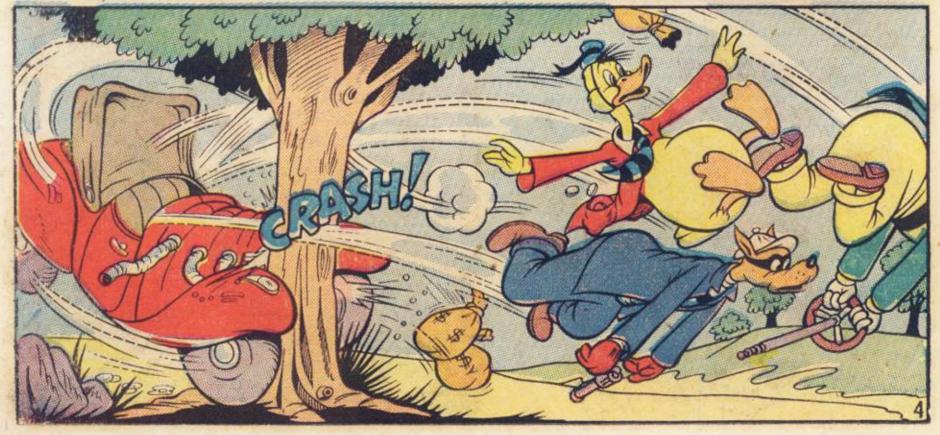




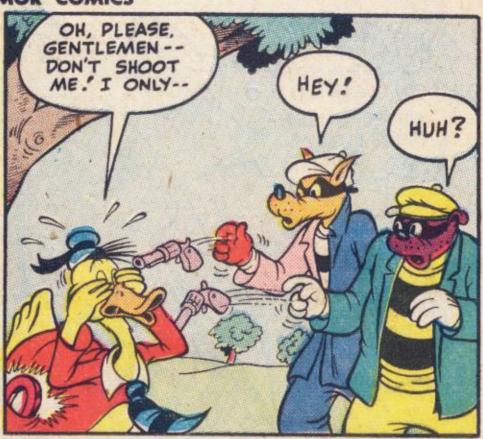










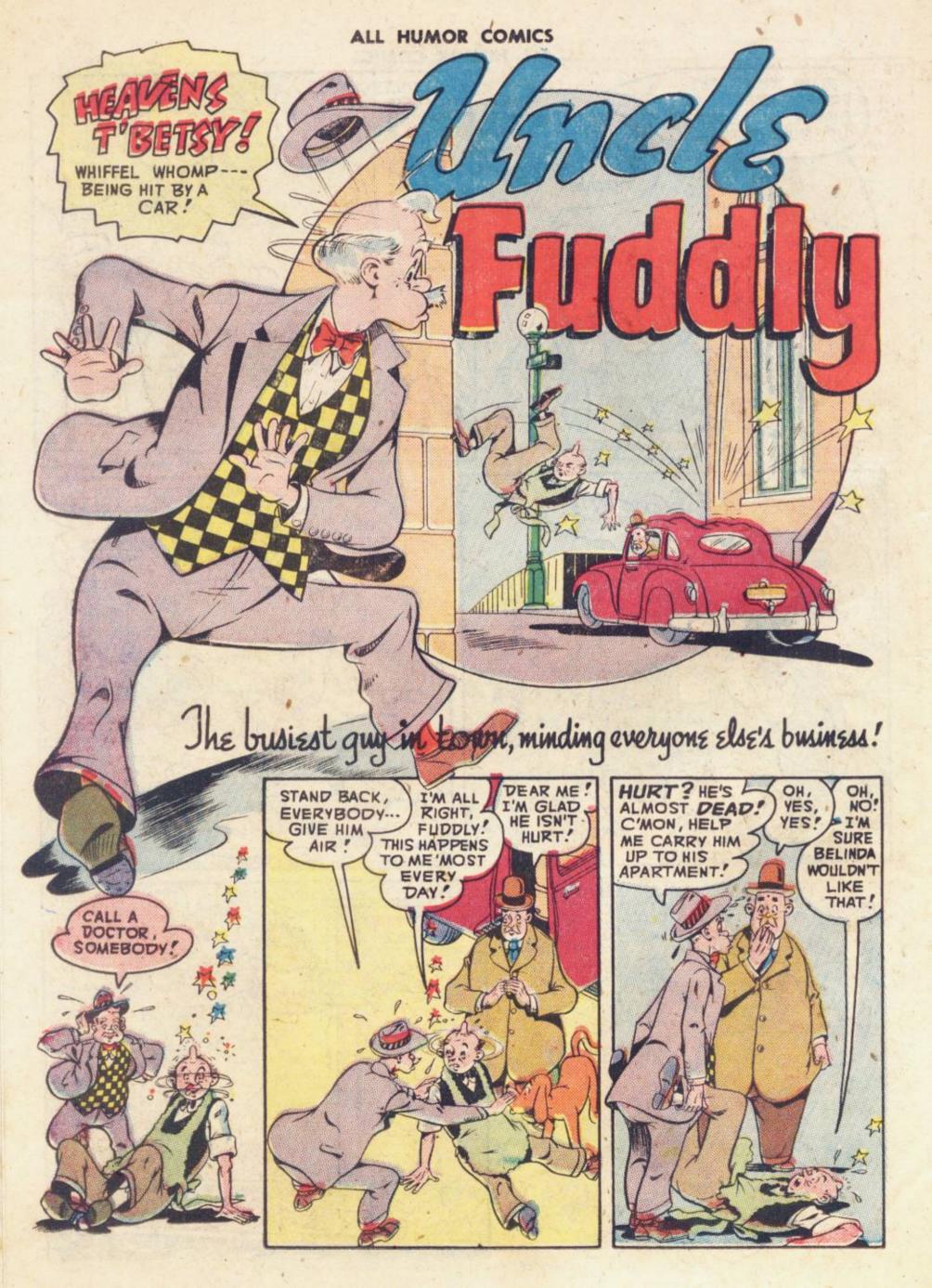


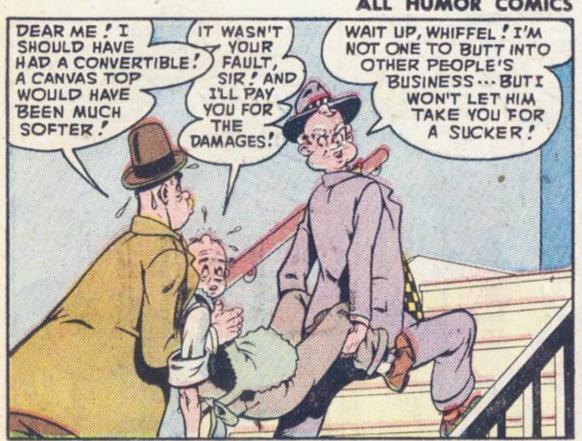


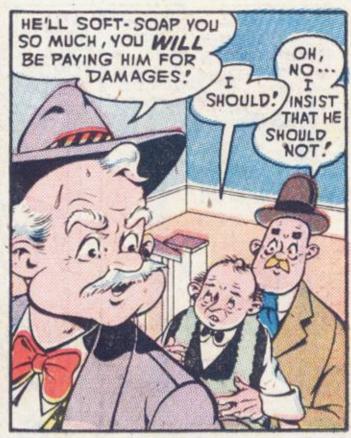




























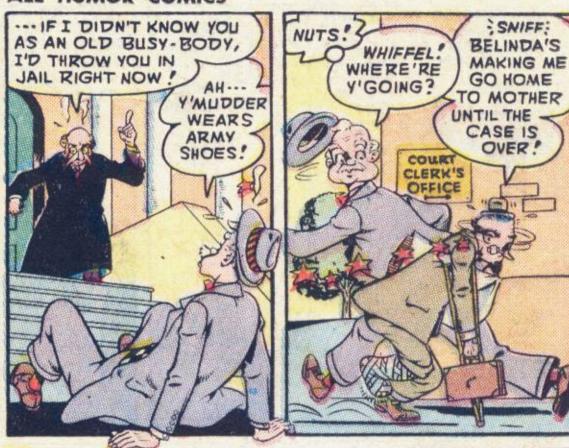


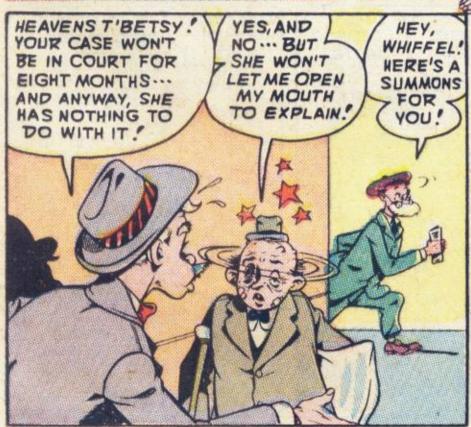


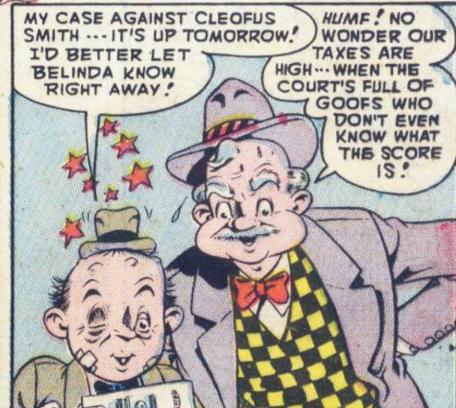




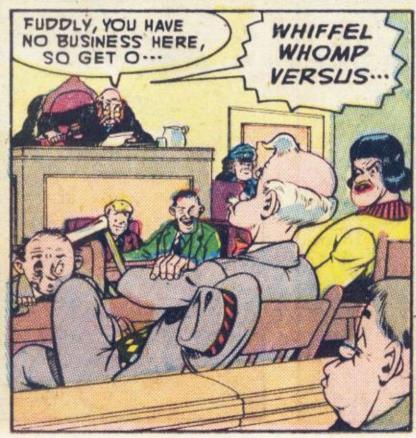




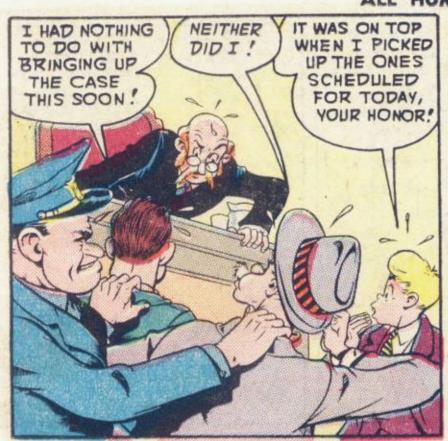
























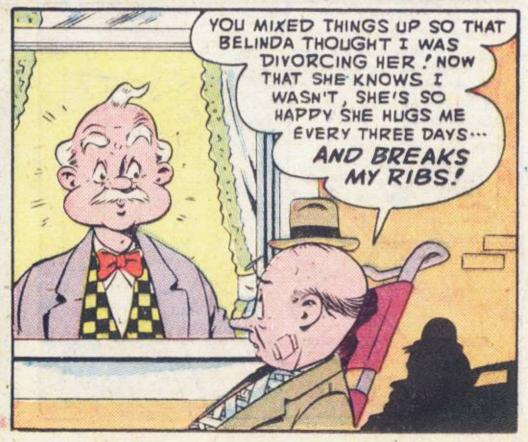












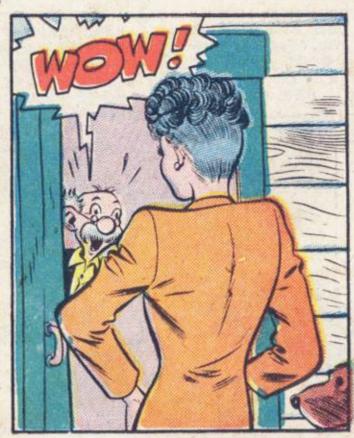




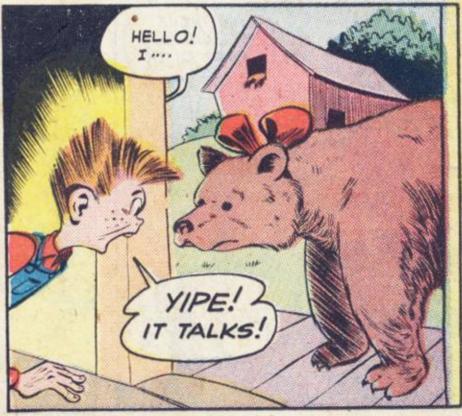




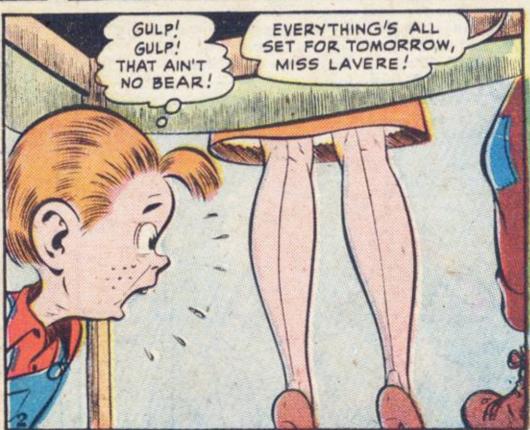












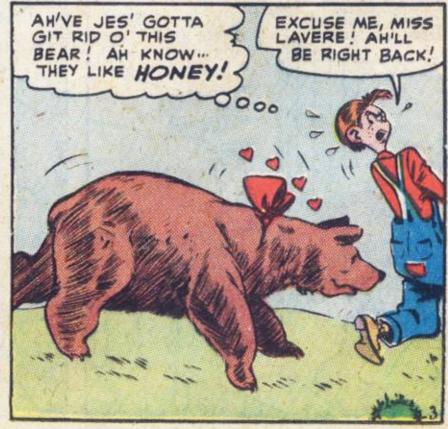








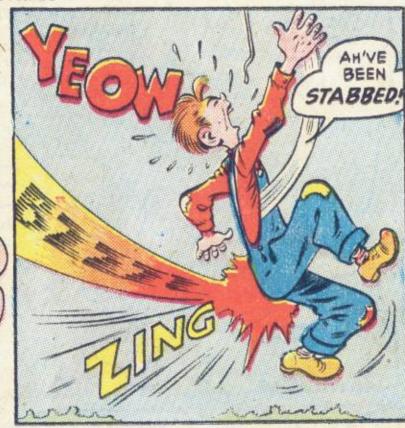




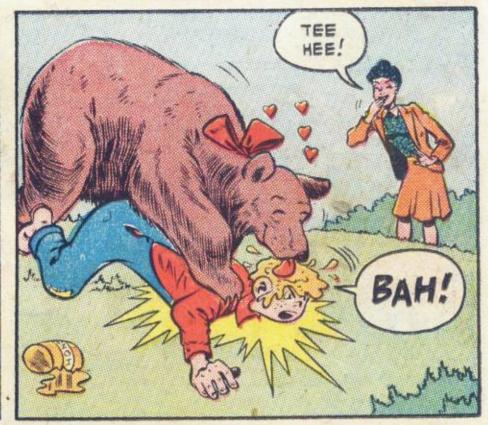




SO THERE'S
TH' GUY WHO
STOLE TH'
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OUR LABOR!













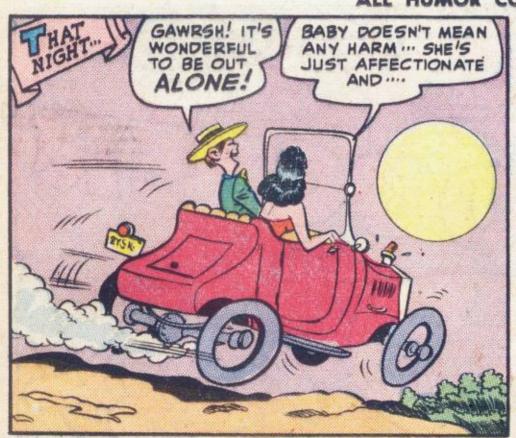














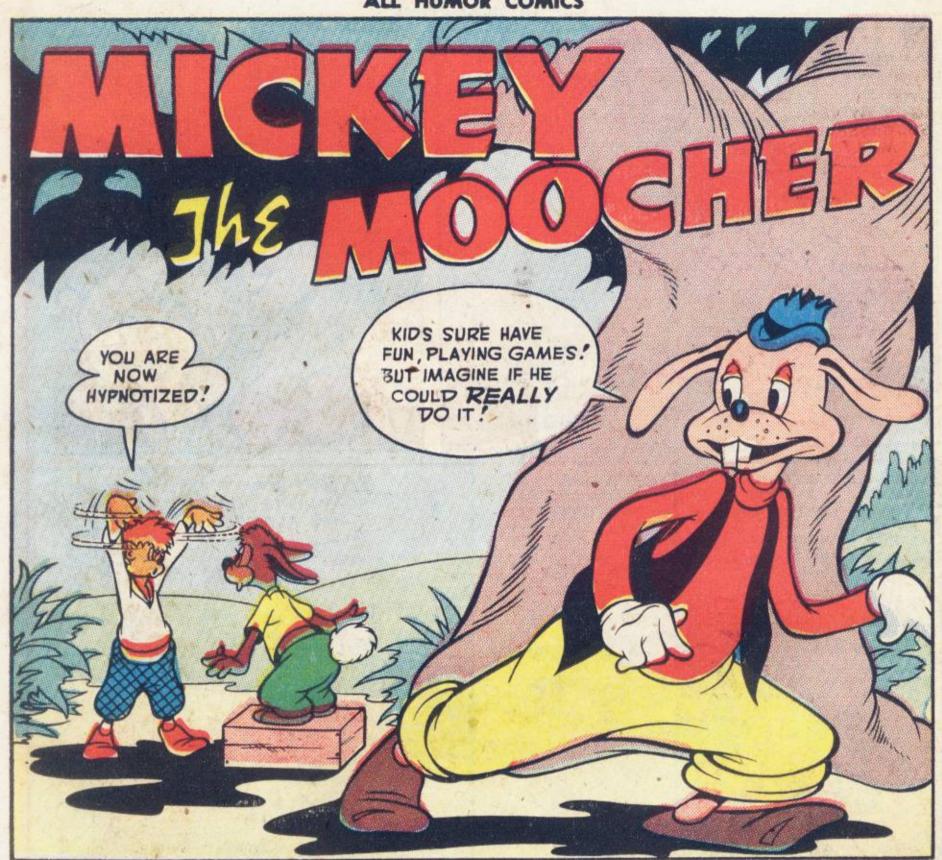








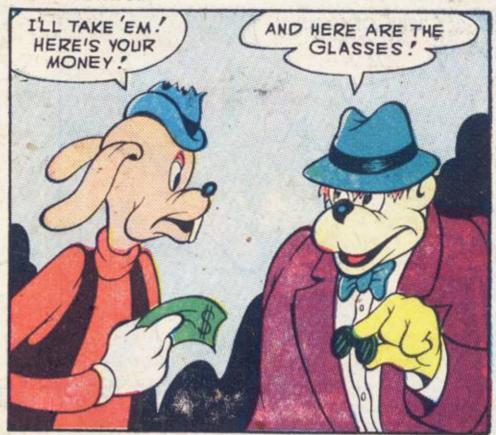


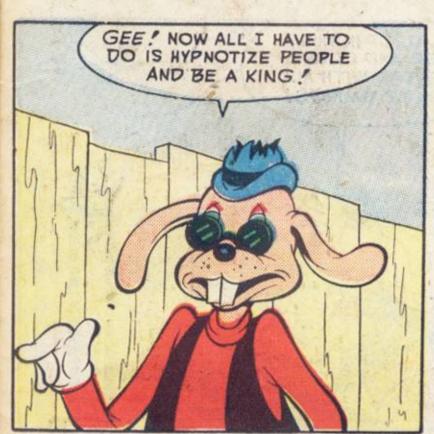










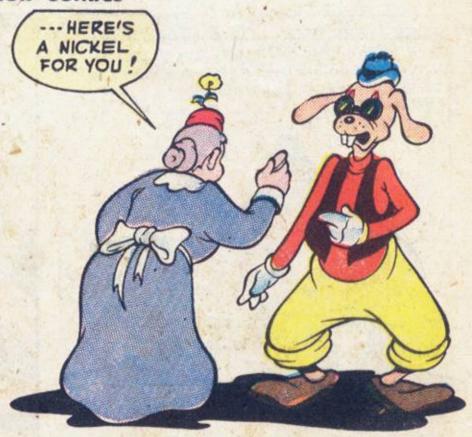


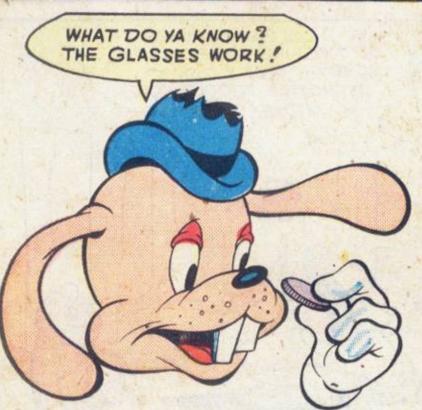






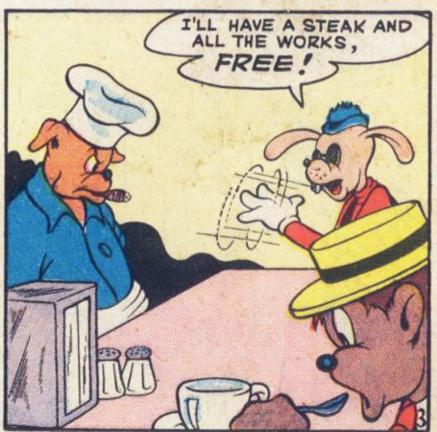


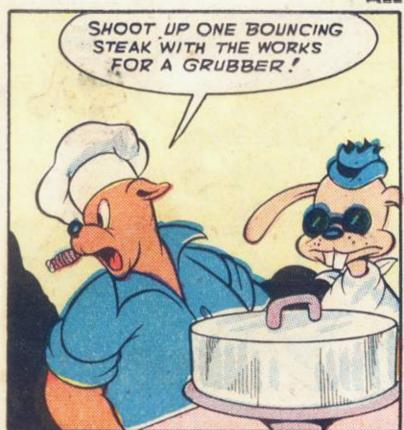




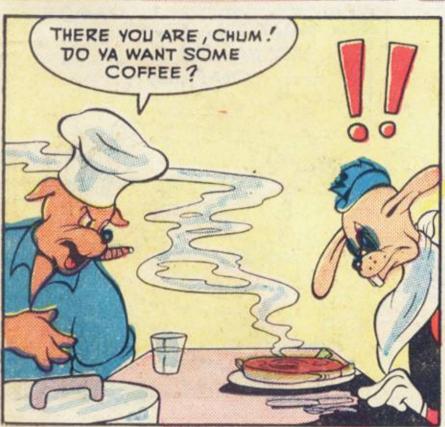






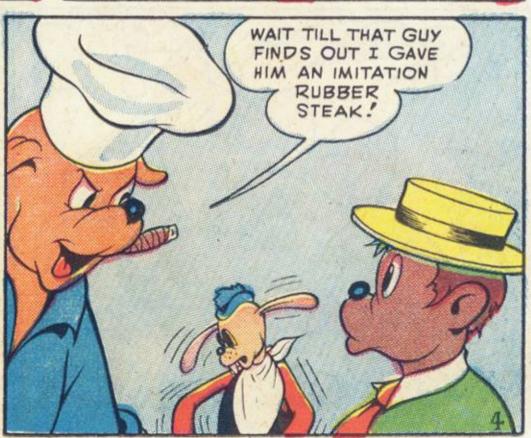


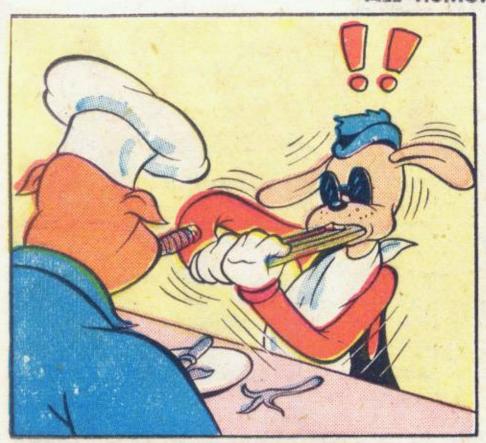






















THE DERBY MES!

THE Plaza de Toros was brim-full of avid fans that day. All bull fights drew great crowds in Mexico City. But today there was a special reason for the vast assembly: Senor Charley was to fight a bull!

Now in case you don't know about Senor Charley—who is really known as Senor Don Carlos Morenas y Pachucas—you should learn, because he is without any question the greatest torero in all Mexico!

So the crowds howled and threw seat cushions and papers and hats into the arena as each of the preliminary fighters either dispatched their bull, or made a monkey out of themselves by not doing so. A certain American comedian by name of Charley was in the stands that day. He was accompanied by one of Mexico's bright officials of state.

"This fight," says the Mexican, "she will be a great one, no? With Charley in the ring! Aha!"

"Charley?" asked the American innocently.
"Is there then a Charley to fight?"

The Mexican nodded rapidly and moved his hands in a gesture that said, "What colossal dumbness, is there a Charley to fight!" But the official let the gesture ride itself out without saying anything.

The second prelim was about over. The bull moved around the arena, one red eye cocked at his tormentor, front feet pawing the ground and loud snorts coming from his dusty nose.

The torero danced and pirouetted and shook his cape in a fine manner. The bull rushed. The fighter sidestepped daintily. The fighter lost his balance and sat down plunk in the sand. The old bull, wise to all the tricks and alert for an opening to do mayhem, whirled and came back with a rush.

"Yow!" yelled the picadores as they dashed in to fend off the sporting beast. The bull turned aside and galloped off into the chutes, where the gate had not been let down.

The fighter limped off the field, lamed by his fall. The crowd hooted and jeered and built tiny

fires to show their derision. For such is the way of bullfight fans.

The next event was much the same. It went slow at first, speeded up coward the end. And the torero, who was a shade better at his game than the last one, got in the faena, or death thrust just before the tired bull collapsed from sheer fatigue.

Again the crowd yelled their derision. This was not a fight! This was a game! The bull simply died from old age!

Charley, the American comedian, nudged the Mexican official. "Is this a bull fight?" he asked with a blank face.

"Si," said the official. "But I have seen more exciting fights. There is yet one more of these preliminary fights. Then, senor, watch!"

"I'm watching," replied the American imperturbably.

The next fight was good. Ricardo Mundez was a fast, clever fighter from Madrid who knew all the tricks. As he stepped nimbly around the charging bull, the crowd went wild. They hurled hats now, not insults.

"You see," grinned the delighted Mexican official, "it is wonderful when the torero really fights the bull, no?"

The American nodded solemnly. And as solemnly replied, "Wonderful—when he fights the bull."

The Mexican glanced covertly at his companion, shrugged, and went back to admiring the cape work of Senor Mundez from Madrid. Norte Americanes were funny people, si.

The bull, a big red Miura, was bristling wth bandilleros and bellowing his head off by this time. Still the torero goaded him, allowing him to rush so close that the wind of his passing bent the cloth in his tight pants.

The crowd gasped, sighed, screamed. Young senoritas all but swooned from love of the great torero!

Then suddenly, just about the time the picadores were tensing for the death thrust that was coming, the bull changed tactics. With his

head lowered, he charged. But instead of rushing past, he halted so abruptly that his hooves cut two valleys in the arena. Mundez, all set for the rush, lost his stance.

"Hi, hi!" yelled the crowd, maddened by this beautiful, unforeseen tactic.

Mundez swung his muleta as he swung his body, to be set for the next rush the bull so quickly began. But somehow the sword got tangled in his cape. The bull's great horns swiped past, hooking the cape.

Yee-i!" screamed the stands.

Mundez went over in a cloud of dust, then, as the bull kept galloping, he dragged on the seat of his pants, arm caught in the twisted cape.

The picadores rode furiously around the angry bull, stabbing with lances, hurling insults, calling the bull all sorts of names.

And at last Mundez worked free and scrambled to his feet. His face was black with dust, his fine uniform grimy, and his cocked hat was gone.

He eyed the stands from which came hoots now. The Mexican audience changes fast, and it takes only a trifle to set loving hearts to hating.

But the bull wasn't finished. He came at the confused fighter in a violent rush, swooped him up on long, curving horns and tossed him fifteen feet across the arena. There was a wild shouting from the audience, a wild yelling from the picadores who rode their horses into a nice tangle, which included the bull. Mundez, and a couple of men on foot.

The dust cloud was so thick that none of the melee could be observed.

It was this moment that the American comedian, Charley, chose for his grand entrance. Yelling like a wild Indian, he vaulted over the railing and dashed toward the congested mass of men and horses and bull.

. "Out of the way, lugs!" he roared. "Let me at that fat cow!"

The tangle magically untangled. The horsemen rode furiously for the walls. The men on foot sprinted away. Mundez again dragged himself to his feet, wavering and groggy. The bull backed off, looking oddly surprised.

From somewhere the American had procured a derby hat which he now clapped on his head.

In his hand was a crooked walking stick. He waved the stick at the crowd and shouted, "Wanta see how it's done in Brooklyn?"

Again the stands changed heart. Here was a wonderful diversion. Forgotten was poor Mundez, who limped across the arena with head hanging. Forgotten were old hates and displeasures and government taxes.

"Yipp-ee!" shouted the American. "Come on, you red ox!"

The bull hesitated a moment, wondering what was facing him. He had had time to get his second wind. So this fellow wanted trouble!

With head lowered close to the ground, he went into a fancy charge. Charley, the comedian, stood his ground. Even the most hard-hearted fan gasped at this audacity. Why, the crazy hombre did not have even a cape, let alone a sword!

As the bull swept up, Charley took off his derby, doffed it to the prominent personages' box, and sailed it directly into the face of the mad bull.

This strange thing halted him. He bellowed, pawed and advanced a step, tentatively. Here was a new one, even for him. He snorted, but the fellow in front of him still stood. The bull threw his head around, tossing the hat, which had landed on a horn, almost at the feet of Charley. Charley stooped and tossed the hat back on.

Now!

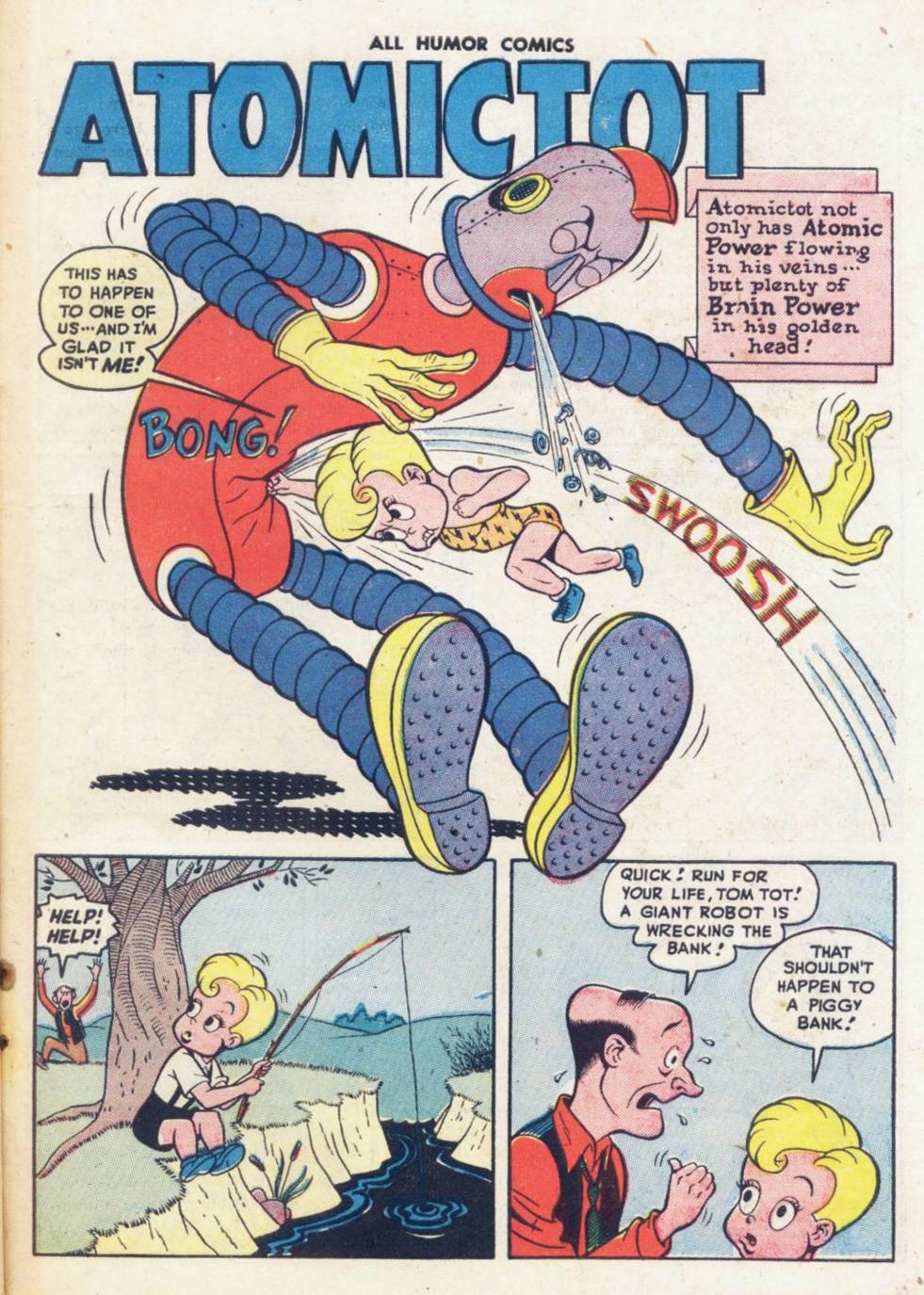
The bull came with a rush. The six thousand throats in the stands gave forth their best. This time there would be fireworks!

But Charley merely stepped slightly out of the path of the charge, stuck out his stick, tripped the bull, who went head first into the dust and lay still, wind knocked out.

Charley casually marched forward, dusted a place on the bull's withers with his hankie, and calmly sat down with both feet on the bull's nose.

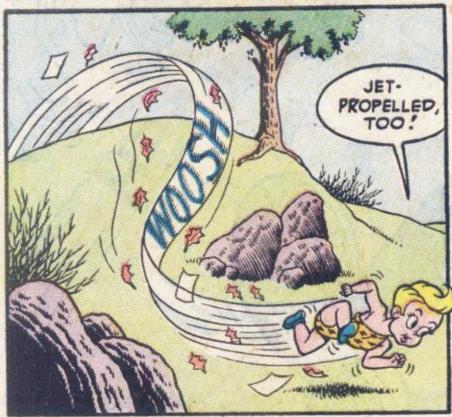
When the noise had died down in the stands and the police had stopped a dozen friendly fights, Charley got up, adjusted his derby and marched out of the ring swinging his stick.

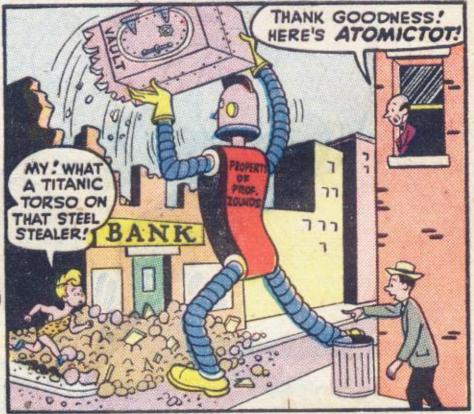
The bull got to his feet slowly, looked after his vanquisher and shook his great head wonderingly.









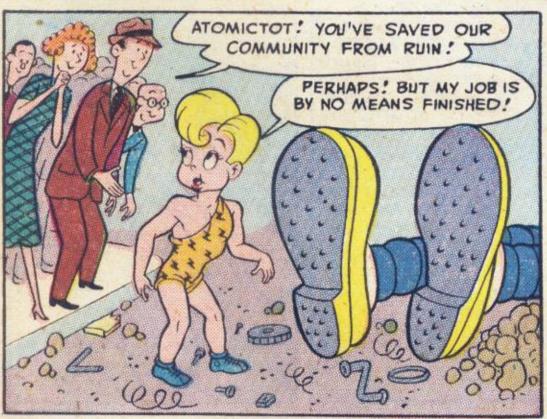


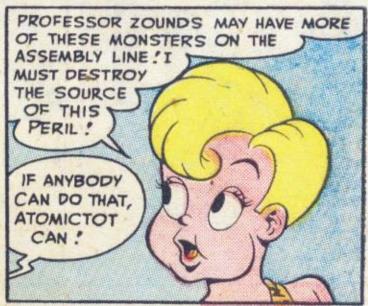




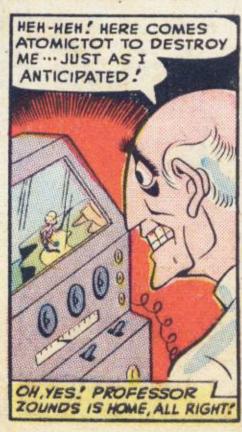




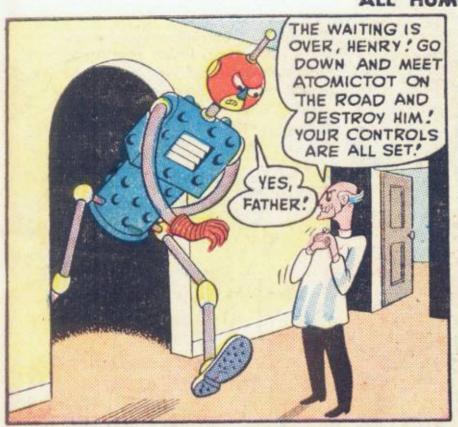


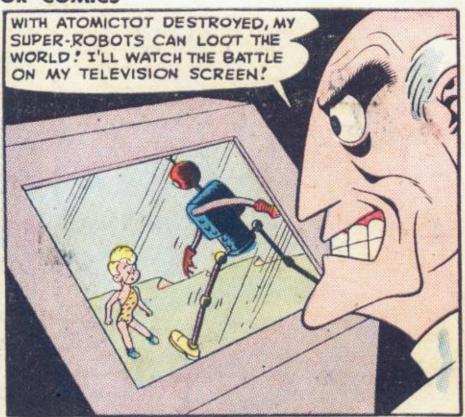




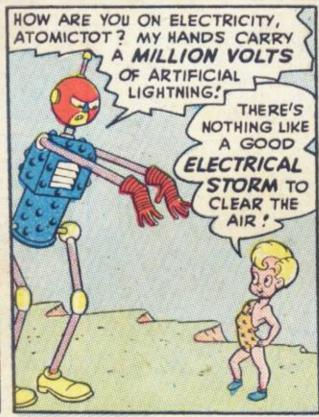




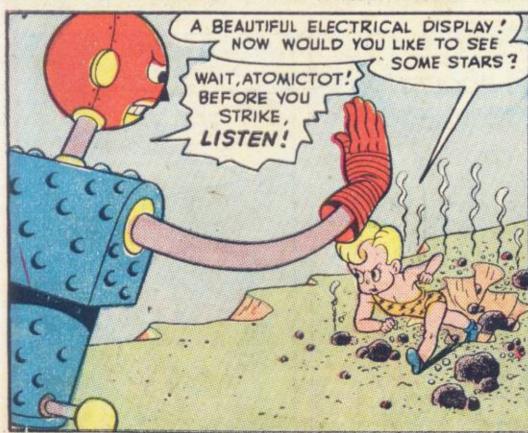




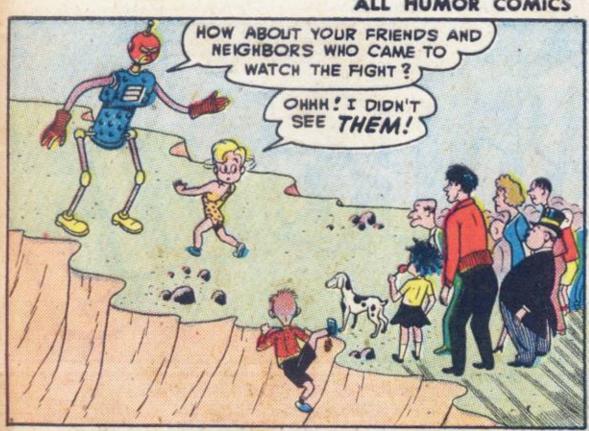




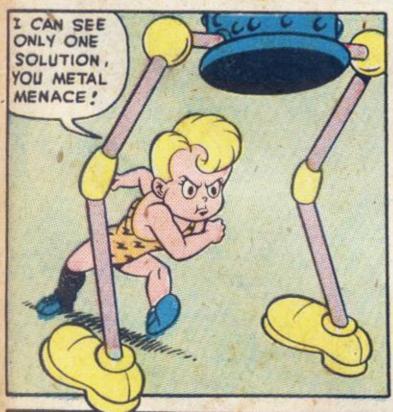












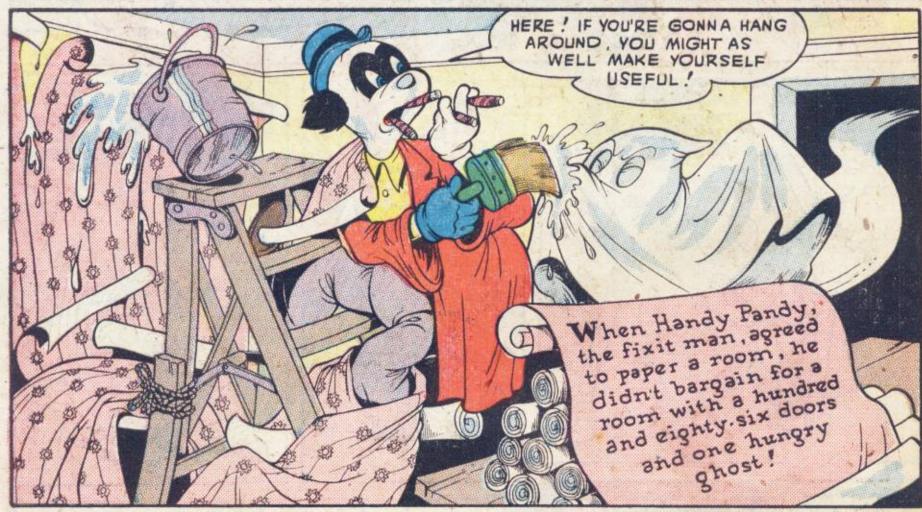




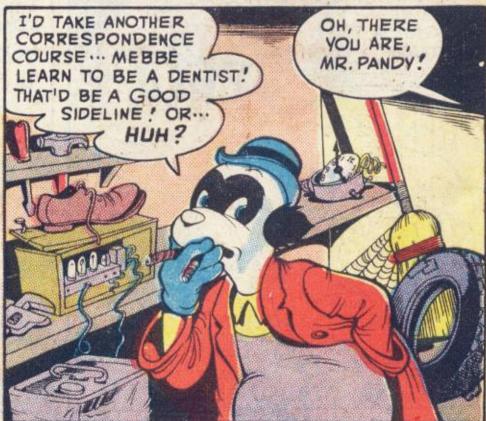


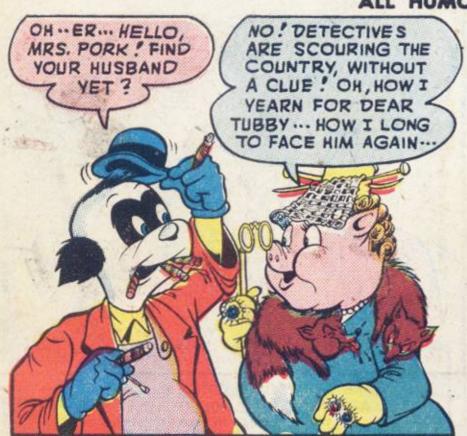


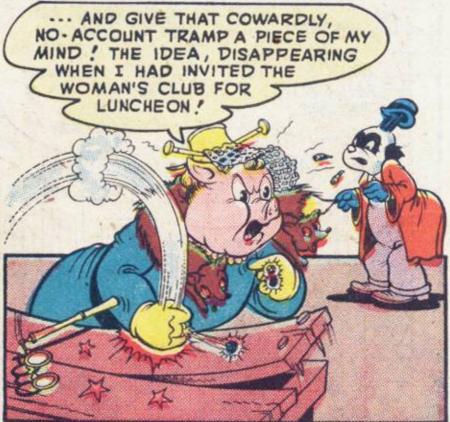
















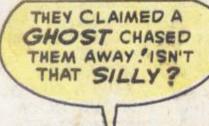






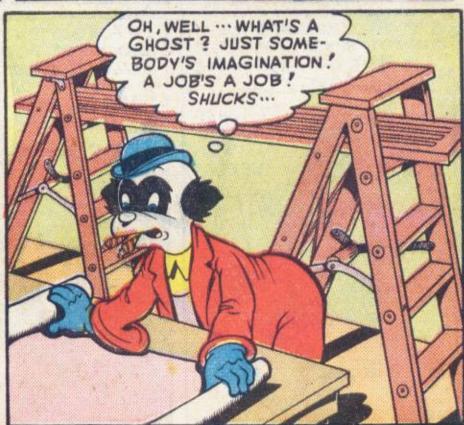






GHOST? ULP! OH .. EH .. VEH ... VEH!













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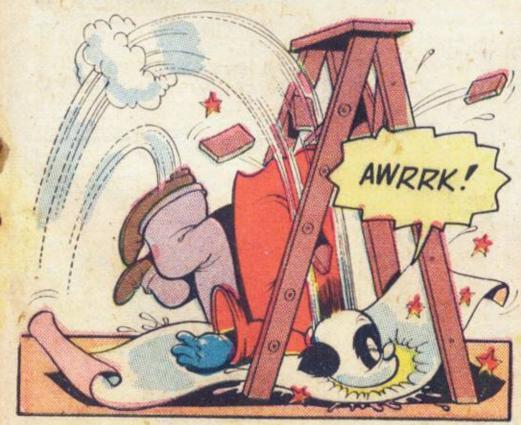




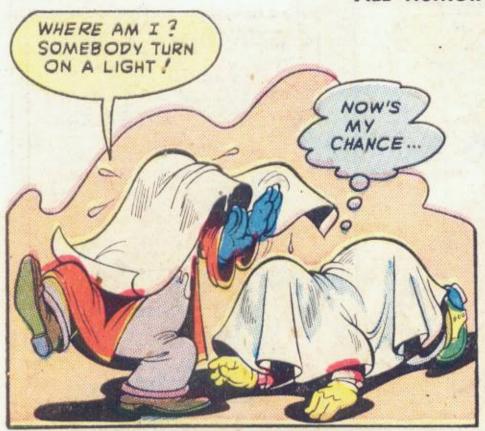
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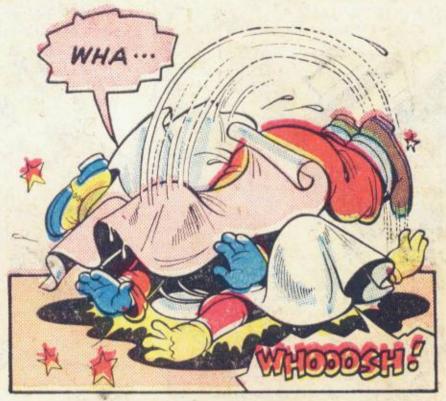














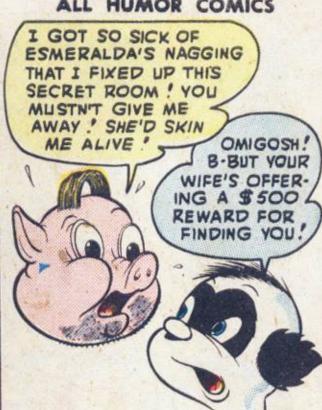




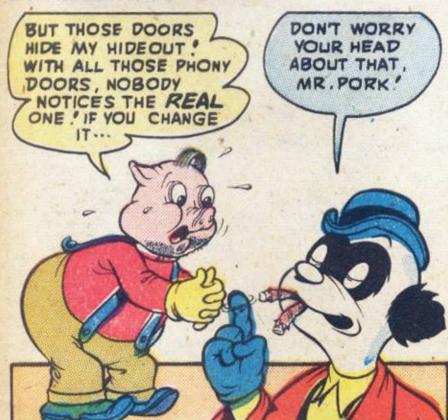






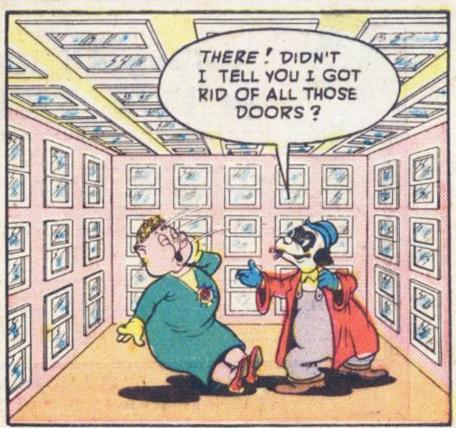














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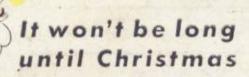
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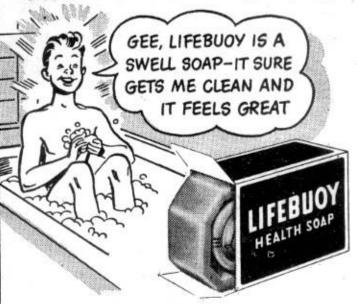


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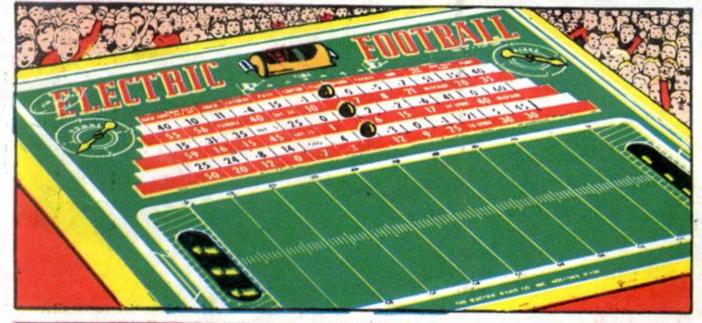
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